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therefore, agro-processors plays a critical role in revamping any industry."

"As such, she states, "current information is required to inform the cocoa cluster and related stakeholder agencies of the value-addition prospects in the cocoa agro-processing business."

Information from this digital survey will be used for planning and evaluation by export agencies such as DEXIA, production agencies such as the Ministry of Agriculture, and supporting agencies to include CCPF and other partners.

In 2019, DEXIA successfully applied for and received a grant of US\$200,000.00 from the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF) towards the development of Dominica's cocoa sector. Dominica is known for its Fine Flavoured cocoa and the cluster was created to revitalize the industry for improved competitiveness, performance, growth and employment. Ultimately the cluster will serve to encourage and ensure the consistent output of quality cocoa at various stages. The Cocoa Cluster Development Project has 5 improvement areas: Data Management, Pre and Post-Harvest, Change Management, Marketing and Labelling and Product Transformation and Development.

Upon this background, the survey seeks to harness information from agro-processors participating in cocoa value addition through the collection of reliable and up-to-date information on the scope of the cocoa agro-processing industry in Dominica. Fundamental to the high quality of value-added products, is a clear understanding of the processor needs and wants. Information from processors is therefore critical to the success of this initiative.

Industry partners also include Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Dominica Manufacturers Association (DMA) and the United Nations Development Programme/ Global Environment Facility-Small Grants Programme (UNDP/GEF-SGP).

Interested persons can fill out the form by visiting <https://dominica.gov.dm/> and clicking on Cocoa Agro-Processor Survey .

You can also click this hyperlink to access the survey: [Agro-Processor Survey](#)



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